(e) the progress of the above corridor in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) NHAI has recently invited bids from consultants for procurement of Detailed Project Report (DPR) consultancy for the North-South and East-West Corridors. The consultants will be first evaluated with respect to prescribed technical requirements. Financial proposals of the consulants passing the minimum technical criteria will be opened and the lowest bidder will be selected for consultancy work. In the process there will be no compromise on quality of consultancy.

(c) and (d) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has invited bids from consultants on least cost basis for procurement of Detailed Project Report consultancy in respect of 2324 km. of highways to be developed under North-South and East-West Corridors component of National Highways Development Project. (1770 km. under NS corridor and 554 km. under EW corridor).

(e) The status of North-South Corridor project in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:—

(i)	Total length	- 753.40 Km.
(ii)	Completed	- 29.50 Km.
(iii)	Under Implementation	- 22.90 Km.
(iv)	Balance for award	- 701.00 Km.

I.T.Is. in Mau and Azamgarh (U.P.)

*420. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mau and Azamgarh in U.P. are weaver concentrated areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no I.T.I, in that area; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to open atleast one I.T.I, for the benefit of the weavers community and the public residing in that area?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) It is a fact that Mau and Azamgarh in U.P. are weaver concentrated areas. The State Government is already running Industrial Training Institute in each of the two places.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Strength of CBI

3008. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total officer strength of the CBI as on 1st April, 2003;

(b) the total strength of supporting staff;

(c) the number of cases under investigation as on 1st April, 2002;

(d) the number of additional cases taken up during the year, 2002-03;

(e) the number of cases dropped during the year, 2002-03;

(f) the number of cases on trial as on 1st April, 2003;

(g) the number of cases decided during the year, 2002-03; and

(h) the number of fresh cases pushed for trial during the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) As on 1.4.2003, there were 455 Group 'A' and 4,488 Group 'B', 'C\ and 'D' officials, respectively, in the Central Bureau of Investigation.

(c) 1,622 cases were under investigation as on 1.4.2002.

(d) and (e) 1,104 cases were taken up for investigation and 140 cases were closed after investigation between 1.4.2002 and 31.3.2003.

(f) 6,276 cases were pending trial on 1 -4-2003.

(g) 693 cases were decided by the trial Courts between 1.4.2002 and 31.3.2003.

(h) 715 charge sheets have been filed between 1.4.2002 and 31.3.2003